

**Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Charlie Allen, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, David McKinnon/Associate Member, Bailey Coates/Student Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, GERALYN Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

**Absent:** Alan MacMillan

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*William Merry, 13 Laurel Acres* - wants to use machine to dig out stream; OC (62-0675) requires hand digging only; will use Bobcat 430; explains that removal of *Phragmites* has gone well. Chairman Neal moves to approve minor amendment to OC as presented; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

*Ryan Gilbert, 71 Pigeon Hill Street* – requests permission to place boulders and small stones along roadway within 100' of quarry; boulders are to stop people from parking too close to quarry and on lawn; additionally stone based driveway is requested; Agent Falco has been to site and finds that work has been started. RCC wants to see RDA filing and recommends discussing it with DPW (stones on town roadway).

*Laura Hallowell, for Millbrook Meadow Committee* – tells RCC that NOI has been submitted for invasive plant species removal on Millbrook Meadow and asks that it make site visit this weekend to expedite process. RCC feels it does not need to see site.

*Corina Belle-isle, 54 Bearskin Neck* - requests permission to fill hole near seawall which was scoured by winter coastal storm activity; shows photos. RCC requests site visit on Saturday, June 6, 2015 and suggests filing RDA.

**Enforcement Order**

**REO 15-01, Patrick Fortin, 37 Long Beach (Map 21/Lot 13).** Mr. Fortin is present and submits letter to RCC explaining work at his cottage; tells of conversations with Conservation Agent and apologizes for actions on site; says his contractor did not follow conditions and used fire break to bring materials to lot; explains that he has removed all stone dust from site and will fill area only with sand; says that fire break has been smoothed down and he plans to plant beach grass on disturbed areas; requests use of pavers on sand in place of wood decking. RCC discusses specifics and Chairman Neal moves to allow pavers on sand as proposed; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. Claypool moves to ratify Enforcement Order; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Minutes.**

**05/20/2015:** Mrs. Lash moves to approve minutes as amended; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.

**New Hearings**

**NOI 62-0709, Paul Desrosiers, 27 Atlantic Avenue (Map 36/Lot 6).** *Renovate house and stabilize eroding coastal bank.* Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management, Inc.) is present for applicant and makes presentation; explains that lot is small and work is complete house

renovation; small addition to basement at corner of foundation; new exterior stairway to be re-aligned; floor drain and roof drain causes eroding coastal bank (CB); CB to be stabilized; small mitigation area (~50 square feet) near exterior stairs to go with 25' No-Disturb and 50' No-Build Zones waiver request. RCC asks about new deck, parking area, and closeness to property line; is concerned about adding rip-rap to CB. Site visit is scheduled for June 6, 2015. With verbal permission from Mr. Manuell, hearing is continued until June 17, 2015 pending site visit. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**RDA 05-05, Krista Mattuchio, 28 Long Beach (Map 21/Lot 18).** *Repair and replace front step and walkway to a cottage on a barrier beach.* Greg Hochmuth (Williams & Sparages) is present for applicant and makes presentation; work includes replacing damaged concrete steps, removing cement walkway, and replacing walkway with pavers; work will be done by hand. Mr. Claypool moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0. **Hearing is closed.** Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination of applicability #2 with conditions; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

#### Other Business

- RCC membership – Charlie Allen has declined re-appointment to RCC; David McKinnon agrees to take Charlie's place; RCC thanks Mr. Allen for his outstanding service. Chairman Neal moves to recommend to BOS Dave McKinnon as full member; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0. Bailey Coates, Student Member, is commended for her attendance at meeting; this is Ms. Coates' last meeting.
- New Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves to add discussion of Emergency Certificate to agenda, Mr. Allen seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
  - **Emergency Certificate (REC 15-03)**, DPW, Beach Street @ Millbrook (Maps 18 & 35). *To remove beaver dam from within pipe under the street.* Chairman Neal moves to ratify Emergency Certificate; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Mr. Claypool moves to adjourn meeting; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.**

**8:47 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 8:47pm ◄ RCC*